

Art & Identity – Assessment Task

Focus question: “Am I free to just be me? What factors influence our identity?”

You must answer this question in essay format. A simple [essay planning tool](#) and the [assessment rubric](#) can be found on the wiki Homework page.

What should I discuss?

You can discuss any of the ideas we went over in class and on the trail such as:

- What is the definition of identity? (good to include in your introduction paragraph!)
- What are the factors which make up our identity?
- How does identity change over time?
- How much control do we have over our identity?
- How do outside social factors shape our identity?
- Can we have multiple identities?
- How do memories, thoughts, emotions and mental disorders affect identity?
- How do people represent their identity through art?

What evidence can I use?

To support your argument, you can refer to:

- The [board notes and lecture slides](#) from the pre-trail preparation classes (available on the wiki Homework page)
- Any of the discussions and activities from our pre- trail preparation classes
- Your handout and notes from the pre-trail preparation class
- The social-status game (where you had a card stuck to your head)
- Your notes from “The Mind” exhibition at the Melbourne University
- Your notes from the National Gallery of Victoria
- Your own self-portrait (optional – see below)

Your focus question essay will be graded using the Focus Question Assessment Rubric available on the Team Galileo wiki.



The assessment task must be submitted by **Wednesday 9th May**

Optional - Self-portrait

You are **not required** to do this. However, if you make a self-portrait and refer to it in your focus question essay, you will be given extra marks for the **evidence and further research** criteria. You may also discuss your self-portrait to receive the **crucial thinking** grade.

As we saw at the NGV, a self-portrait is a way to represent identity. Create a self-portrait that somehow represents who you think you are. You can use any physical materials you like, or make the self-portrait digitally. You should choose some of these aspects to emphasise:

- ⤴ how your identity has changed or will change over time
- ⤴ how the groups to which you belong influence your identity
- ⤴ your multiple identities
- ⤴ how much control you have over your identity

You could make your portrait realistic like this:	Or abstract like this:
	
Or a mixture of both!	

Your self-portrait will not be graded.